



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On December 4, 2005, Zion Lutheran Church  
3 celebrated fifty years in the Village of Deerfield; a festival  
4 worship service was held with Bishop Paul R. Landahl of the  
5 Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6 in America preaching; in honor of the occasion, the Village  
7 Board of Deerfield proclaimed December 4 as "Zion Lutheran  
8 Church Day in Deerfield"; and

9 WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran Church was founded in 1874 in  
10 Highwood, Illinois; a small group of 22 adults held the first  
11 worship service on the First Sunday in Advent under the  
12 leadership of Pastor Erland Carlsson; they met in homes until  
13 1886, when the first church building was erected; and

14 WHEREAS, The congregation could not expand its facilities  
15 where it was located, and after much research, purchased nearly  
16 eight acres at its present location in Deerfield in 1954; the  
17 final worship service was held in Highwood on December 4, 1955,  
18 and the first service in the newly completed building in  
19 Deerfield was held on December 11, 1955; the parsonage, located  
20 on the church property, was completed in 1956; the congregation  
21 has expanded and renovated its building many times over the  
22 past 50 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Contributing to the well-being of the community  
24 has always been an important activity for the members of Zion;  
25 they have taken on numerous and varied projects of service over  
26 the years; most recently Zion, with the assistance of Holy  
27 Cross of Deerfield and B'nai Torah of Highland Park, founded  
28 Southeast Lake County Faith in Action, an inter-faith program  
29 providing volunteers to assist people to remain in their homes;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Zion's current Pastor is the Reverend Mark A.

1 Lund; he has served the congregation for the past four years;  
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate Zion Lutheran Church on the occasion of the  
6 celebration of 50 years in the Village of Deerfield; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Zion Lutheran Church as expression of our esteem  
10 and with best wishes for the future.